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1. This communication is responsive to <u>12/15/2003</u> .		
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-17,19-32 and 34-46</u> .		
3. The drawings filed on <u>9-26-</u> are accepted by the Examiner.		
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

- 1. Claims 1-17, 19-32, 34-46 are allowed.
- 2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record neither teach nor show a base mechanism attached to the tube first end, the base mechanism having a cavity formed therein and at least one flexible member extending from the base mechanism, the at least one flexible member having a tab attached thereto.
- 3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

4. Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bertrand Zeade whose telephone number is 571-272-2387. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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